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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ANOTHER SWAPO MEMBER DETAINED

1. SWAPO SOURCES IN WINDHOEK HAVE CONFIRMED TO US PRESS REPORTS THAT A WHITE SWAPO MEMBER, PETER MANNING, WAS DETAINED IN WINDHOEK UNDER SECTION SIX OF THE TERRORISM ACT ON MONDAY MORNING JANUARY 9. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORTS, THE SECURITY POLICE SEARCHED MANNING'S RESIDENCE FOR SIX TO SEVEN HOURS, CONFISCATED PAPERS, AND TOLD HIS GIRLFRIEND THAT HIS DETENTION COULD LAST "FOR WEEKS". A SWAPO OFFICIAL TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT MANNING WAS PREVIOUSLY DETAINED BRIEFLY AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT IN JOHANNESBURG ON DECEMBER 15. AT THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO THE SWAPO OFFICIAL, HE WAS SEARCHED, DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION WERE PHOTOSTATED, AND SECURITY POLICEMEN TOLD HIM THEY WOULD "GET HIM" LATER.

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2. MANNING'S GIRLFRIEND, ANN MURRAY-HUDSON, WHO WAS DESCRIBED TO US AS "A SWAPO SYMPATHIZER BUT NOT A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER" WAS TAKEN IN BRIEFLY FOR QUESTIONING ON JANUARY 9, AND AGAIN ON JANUARY 11. BOWDLER

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